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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 27, 2004, the time for response having been extended by petition, Applicant notes that a Preliminary Amendment was filed in connection with the original filing on November 21, 2003, which cancelled claims 21-42. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is attached. PAIR indicates that the Preliminary Amendment was received by the Patent Office, but its entry is listed after that of the Examiner's Restriction Requirement. Applicant submits that the restriction requirement is mooted as Applicant cancelled claims that were subject to the restriction.

Respectfully submitted,

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